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REMARKS			

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1. On 13 May 1952, the restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg (N 53/Z 77) quartered 100 to 120 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. Seventeen men, without arms, were at close-order drill in the barracks yard on 13 May. Other troops practiced firing with blank cartridges from three light machine guns. Three trucks, each towing a 76.2-mm field gun, were parked in the yard. Truck left the installation.

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2. During the period from 8 to 10 May, three of the buildings of the Weisse Stadt Settlement on Berliner Strasse quartered soldiers of the rear detail of the AT artillery brigade, detached by the 76.2-mm regiment. The officers of the detail were quartered in another building. There were 300 to 400 troops. Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fnu) was the unit commander and there were two other lieutenant colonels and several majors. The other quarters were vacant. On 16 and 17 May, four 76.2-mm guns and about 40 motor vehicles were in some of the garages. The other garages were empty.

the AT artillery unit was bivouacking in tents in the woods near Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54), and the troops 50X1-HUM were engaged in cutting trees for the construction of quarters. A German employee who was to follow the troops into the summer camp was issued a trip ticket to Waren (N 54/U 35). (1)

3. On 9 and 13 May, only a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets was seen in front of Oranienburg Castle on August Bebel Platz. There was no activity or vehicular traffic at the installation. (2)

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4. On 14 May, a truck convoy left the Weisse Stadt Settlement on Ernst Thaelmann ~~Street~~ and proceeded toward Borgsdorf. It included trucks ~~each occupied by 15 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles. Three of the trucks towed a 76.2-mm AT gun.~~ prior to 5 May 1952, no soldier at the post was seen wearing the AT artillery insignia on the left sleeve. (1) 50X1-HUM
5. On 12 and 13 May, there was almost no activity at Oranienburg Castle on August Bebel Platz. Only three windows were lighted in the evening. (2) 50X1-HUM
6. The following rail shipments were observed at the Oranienburg freight station between 13 and 20 May 1952: 50X1-HUM
- At 2:15 p.m. on 13 May. One boxcar with 6 tons of pork, coupled to the regular passenger train to Templin (N 54/U 81). The pork was consigned to Unit ~~in Zehdenick (N 53/U 70).~~ It had been brought to the station on truck ~~50X1-HUM~~
- At 11:30 a.m. on 14 May. Arrival from Frankfurt/Oder of a boxcar and a passenger coach with an escort detail of four men with black-bordered crimson epaulets ~~The shipment proceeded to Velten (N 53/Z 66) at 1:11 p.m.~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 5 p.m. on 14 May. Arrival from Velten of one tank car with engine oil ~~The shipment proceeded to Finow (N 53/V 08).~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 7:11 a.m. on 15 May. Arrival from Thale (N 52/D 25) of two flatcars, each with 6 tons of empty gasoline barrels ~~The shipment proceeded to Neustrelitz.~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 5 p.m. on 15 May. Arrival from Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 52) of one boxcar with 15 tons of articles of clothing ~~The cargo was picked up by truck~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 7:45 a.m. on 16 May. Arrival from Templin of a regular passenger train to which was coupled 1 boxcar ~~and 1 passenger coach with escort detail of four men with black-bordered crimson epaulets. The shipment proceeded to Velten.~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 8:30 a.m. on 16 May. Arrival from Thale of two boxcars and an escorting detail of 1 officer and 3 men with red-bordered black epaulets ~~The shipment proceeded to Finow.~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 3 p.m. on 16 May. Arrival from Wustermark (N 53/Z 55) of two boxcars and an escorting detail of 1 officer and 4 men with red-bordered black epaulets ~~The shipment proceeded to Damgarten (N 55/P 13).~~ 50X1-HUM
- At 4:30 p.m. on 16 May. Arrival from Neustrelitz of three flatcars with three rocket launchers and escort detail. The shipment proceeded to Wustermark.
- At 8:09 a.m. on 17 May. Arrival from Velten of: 3 tank cars with gasoline for ~~Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 23); 3 tank cars with gasoline for Biesenthal (N 53/Z 97); 3 tank cars with gasoline for Bernau (N 53/Z 96); and 5 tank cars with gasoline to the Sachsenhausen spur track.~~ 50X1-HUM

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At 11 a.m. on 19 May. Arrival from Wustermark of 10 tank cars with gasoline. The shipment proceeded to Neustrelitz. 50X1-HUM

At 1 p.m. on 19 May. Departure to Templin of two boxcars with articles of clothing for Unit in Zehdenick. The cargo was hauled to the station on truck. 50X1-HUM

At 11:55 a.m. on 20 May. Arrival from Wustermark of four flatcars with sideracks, each with a canvas-covered JS tank, which proceeded to Neustrelitz.

At 2:45 p.m. on 20 May. Departure to Zehdenick of one boxcar with meat. The meat was hauled to the station on truck. 50X1-HUM

At 6:07 p.m. on 20 May. Arrival from Wustermark of 1 boxcar and 3 passenger coaches with bedsteads and mattresses and an escort detail of four men with red-bordered black epauletts. The shipment proceeded to Neustrelitz. 50X1-HUM

7.

the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen quartered 122 officers and 340 EM prior to 2 May 1942. Colonel Lukashek (fnu), commanding officer at the installation, has been on furlough since the end of April. His deputy was a major. At the end of April, 166 uniformed women arrived in the billeting area. They were to be employed as clerks, kitchen helpers, and medical aides. The women arrived on trucks.

These trucks, which had not previously been seen at the installation, remained there. On 2 May, only eight tanks were still in the installation. They practiced driving on the so-called parade ground. tanks engaged in driving practices at the training area north of the installation moved over foxholes which were filled with earth when the tanks turned. also tanks crossing trenches and uprooting trees. At Camp Vogelsang in the Templin troop training grounds, a unit from the SS Kaserne which was transferred to Camp vogelsang by road, conducted small-scale exercises in the area of Grossdoelln-Gross-Schoenebeck. Vehicles with the unit included 27 T-34 tanks. 2 kitchen trucks and 8 cargo trucks. During one exercise, 7 or 8 tanks came out of the woods, leaving three tanks behind as fire support. Three tanks, which were lined up along the edge of the woods on the enemy side, were screened by smoke when the attack started. This practice was twice repeated during an hour. (2) 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement confirms previous assumptions, according to which the majority of the 2d Light Arty Brig [] has been carried in the Peutscher Forest, northeast of Neustrelitz since the end of April 1952. [] The fact that AT artillery insignia were not worn on the sleeves as specifically stated in paragraph 4 confirms the designation and mission of the brigade. []

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- (2) The presence of only rear details in the castle, the concentration camp and the SS Kaserne confirm the absence of the components of the 25th Tank Div which are carried at Templin. [] The trucks that carried the Soviet women, reported in paragraph 7, belong to the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army Colonel Lukashok (fnu) was previously reported. He is probably supply officer and ranking officer of the rear details. []

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